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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT: SECOND JOINT  
COMMITTEE MEETING - REF: MOSCOW 03291

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT ASAP FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HUD  
SECRETARY CARLA HILLS TO GENNADY FOMIN, CHAIRMAN, STATE COM-  
MITTEE ON CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE, U.S.S.R.  
STATE COMMITTEE ON CONSTRUCTION, MOSCOW. ORIGINAL BEING  
POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. "DEAR MR. FOMIN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY  
18 AND PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEEKER GAVE ME UPON HIS RETURN TO  
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WASHINGTON. HE HAS SHARED WITH ME THE VERY POSITIVE IM-

PRESSIONS OF HIS VISIT. I THINK THE EXCELLENT PROGRAM YOU ARRANGED AND THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED THE GROUP ARE INDICATIONS OF THE SERIOUSNESS YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ATTACH TO OUR AGREEMENT. WE SHARE THIS SERIOUSNESS IN DEVELOPING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE CONTINUING WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH AND APRIL. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THE VISITS OF YOUR TEAMS TO OUR COUNTRY AS USEFUL

AND INFORMATIVE AS POSSIBLE. TO THE EXTENT MY SCHEDULE PERMITS, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING THE MEMBERS OF YOUR WORKING GROUPS DURING THEIR VISITS.

"I NOTE THAT THE WORKING GROUP ON CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN APRIL. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALSO HAD TO DELAY THE WORKING GROUP ON BUILDING MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS DUE TO CHANGES IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON OUR DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET. ON REFLECTION, I THINK THIS WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR EACH SIDE TO REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ALL SIX WORKING GROUPS AS A WHOLE BEFORE THE DATES SUGGESTED FOR A MAY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. I PROPOSE THEREFORE THAT WE CONSIDER DATES FOR OUR MEETING ONCE BOTH SIDES HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY SEPARATELY TO REVIEW THE WORK AND PROPOSALS OF THE WORKING GROUPS. FOR THE SAME REASON, I SUGGEST THAT WE ARRANGE DATES FOR A MEETING OF OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AFTER EACH SIDE HAS REVIEWED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUPS. MR. THERENTIEV COULD JOIN THE FREE STANDING NEW TOWNS PROJECT TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND INCLUDE EXTRA DAYS IN WASHINGTON TO ACCOMPLISH THIS REVIEW. I HOPE THESE SUGGESTIONS MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL.

"I WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF MR. SIPKO'S DEATH. HE WAS A RESPECTED COLLEAGUE WHO MOVED OUR AGREEMENT FORWARD, AN EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND A FINE PERSON. PLEASE EXTEND MY SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCE TO MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

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"I WOULD ASK YOU ALSO TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES TO MR. NOVIKOV, WHOM I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AGAIN. HE WAS, IN CASE HE DOES NOT KNOW IT, SEEN BY MILLIONS ON TELEVISION DURING THE RECENT OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES DISCUSSING HIS PLANS FOR THE 1980 GAMES. SINCERELY, CARLA A. HILLS."  
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